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32 Court St. (Remsen St.), Brooklyn, 718-596-5600 - A "reliable" chain serving "fresh and creative soups" that make for a "tasty", "warm" "lunch on the go" and are "better than penicillin" for curing winter colds; but critics insist it's just "another overpriced soup stand" with unacceptably "long lines."	
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top of page Chanterelle × 2 Harrison St. (Hudson St.), 212-966-6960 One of the defining restaurants of 1980s NY, David and Karen Waltuck's "elegant", "ethereal" French TriBeCan this year celebrates two decades of serving "artful" cuisine to a discriminating crowd, and there are no signs of slippage in the "austerely wonderful decor", "impeccable service" or "sophisticated cooking"; though "expensive" (dinner is \$75 prix fixe only), check out the "best prix fixe lunch in town." top of page La Grenouille × 3 E. 52nd St. (bet. 5th & Madison Aves.), 212-752-1495 - "Almost nirvana", the Masson family's "classic" Midtown "stunner" seduces "sophisticated", style-setting Francophiles (we're talking "real celebrities") with "divine food" that's "as perfect as haute cuisine can be" and "well worth" the high prix fixe tab (\$45 lunch, \$80 dinner); add "tactful", "impeccable" black-tie service "amidst a bower of flowers" in "the most romantic room in NY" and you come up with "an exquisite dining experience"; P.S. the charming upstairs artist's studio is an ideal private party venue. top of page Four Seasons × 99 E. 52nd St. (bet. Lexington & Park Aves.), 212-754-9494 "Still one of the best", this "quintessential NY institution" offers "unbelievably good", "creative" Continental food in "breathtaking", "dignified" and "ageless" Philip Johnsondesigned rooms; touted for "power lunch" in the Grill Room and "special occasions" in the Pool Room, it makes you "feel like a player just by walking in"; "what's not to like?" -- the easily outvoted minority considers it "cold", "stuffy", "clubby" and "absurdly overpriced." top of page Jean Georges × Trump Int'l Hotel, 1 Central Park West (bet. 60th & 61st Sts.). 212-299-3900 __ "Just one word: wow" say diners dazzled by "the jewel in the crown" of Jean-Georges Vongerichten and Phil Suarez's empire, a "cool, modernist" New French off Columbus Circle where "mind-blowing" "masterworks" ("brilliant", "off the charts", "NY's most exciting food") are "impeccably served" in a formal dining room, more casual cafe or outdoor terrace; the "spare" Adam Tihany decor is "ethereal" to some, "clinical" to others, but for most this yearling is a "total class act."

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212-299-3900 - "Just one word: wow" say diners dazzled by "the jewel in the Vongerichten and Phil Suarez's empire, a "cool, modernist" Net Circle where "mind-blowing" "masterworks" ("brilliant", "off the food") are "impeccably served" in a formal dining room, more of terrace; the "spare" Adam Tihany decor is "ethereal" to some, "most this yearling is a "total class act."	w French off Columbus charts", "NY's most exciting casual cafe or outdoor
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"Almost nirvana", the Masson family's "classic" Midtown "si "sophisticated", style-setting Francophiles (we're talking "real of that's "as perfect as haute cuisine can be" and "well worth" the \$80 dinner); add "tactful", "impeccable" black-tie service "amid most romantic room in NY" and you come up with "an exquisite charming upstairs artist's studio is an ideal private party venue top of page	elebrities") with "divine food" high prix fixe tab (\$45 lunch, st a bower of flowers" in "the e dining experience"; P.S. the
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Tim and Nina S. Zagat are both native New Yorkers. Nina graduated from Vassar College (Class of 1963) while Tim graduated from Harvard College (Class of 1961). Both graduated from Yale Law School (Class of 1966) and practiced law in New York City for many years before devoting their energies full-time to the Survey.





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